

[English]

Blindness Control Programme

3440. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank sponsored blindness prevention scheme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh is to be watered down due to the negligence of the officials;

(b) if so, whether under the said scheme as many as 18, 185 blindness had to be operated upon for cataract disease but only 4,413 have been operated upon so far;

(c) whether only 25% of the set target could be achieved and there is a fear that the rest of funds would lapse;

(d) whether the World Bank has released Rs. 9 lakhs under the scheme so far for the purpose since its implementation and for this year, Rs. 3 lakhs have been sanctioned; and

(e) if so, the reasons for delay in the completion of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the first three years of the Project (1994-97), 7,02,525 7,02,523 cataract operations were performed against the target of 6,50,000 cataract operations. The achievement was 108.08% of the said target.

(d) and (e) So for Rs. 363 lakhs have been released to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh on cash grant for various components under Cataract Blindness Control Project in the first three years of the project (1994-97) and Rs. 151.25 lakhs have been sanctioned as cash grant for the current financial year 1997-98. In addition to it Rs. 372 lakhs have been released to District Blindness Control Societies in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years. All the activities under the project are being undertaken as scheduled except civil works where there was certain delay in the initial stages. The work, however, has now picked up and is progressing satisfactorily.

Scheme in Jammu and Kashmir

3441. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the major schemes likely to be taken up for execution in each region of Jammu and Kashmir during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the total allocation made during the Eighth Plan and proposed to be made during the Ninth Plan;

(c) whether the amount has been diverted from plan funds to non-plan projects during Seventh and Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) Item-wise allocation during 8th Plan is as follows :

		(Rs. in Crores)
S.No.	Item	Approved Outlay
1.	Agri. and Allied Service	429.30
2.	Rural Development	99.60
3.	Special Area Programme	216.50
4.	Irrigation and Flood Control	205.52
5.	Energy	1177.48
6.	Industry and Minerals	194.00
7.	Transport and Communication	280.60
8.	Science, Tech. and Environment	10.70
9.	General Economic Services	120.90
10.	Social Services	1226.00
11.	General Services	39.40
Total		4000.00

For the 9th Five Year Plan for Jammu and Kashmir, preliminary discussions by the Planning Commission were held on 19.6.97 with State Government officials. The above Plan has not yet been finalised however, a plan size of Rs. 9000-10,000 crores for that State has been indicated.

(c) and (d) Plan funds have been diverted to cover the non-plan deficit resulting from lower revenues and increased security expenditure as well as due to lower spending on development works on account of law and order situation in the State. The details are as under :

1992-93	Rs. 200.00 crores
1993-94	Rs. 200.00 crores
1994-95	Rs. 86.66 crores

Allotment of DDA Flats

3442. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons registered with DDA for allotment of plots under MIG and LIG categories under Rohini Residential Schemes during 1981 and 1979 respectively;